

## **TOWN BOARD**

The Town Board, Town of Highlands, held a workshop on Monday, May 24, 2010 at Town Hall, 254 Main St, Highland Falls, NY 10928 at 7:30pm.

PRESENT:	Edward Magryta	----	Supervisor
	Holly Gokey	----	Council Member
	William Edsall	----	Council Member
	Laurie R. Tautel	----	Council Member
	Mervin R. Livsey, Jr.	----	Council Member

Supervisor Magryta opened the workshop at 7:30pm.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

June Gunza asked what Legislative stood for in the budget.

Supervisor Magryta explained that was the Town Board and all its functions.

### **TOWN SUPERVISOR – TOWN BUDGET SHORTFALL – NEWLY DISCOVERED ERRORS/STATE COMPTROLLER CORRESPONDENCE**

Supervisor Magryta said that \$5,000 was not budgeted for in the Parks (General Repairs) area of the budget. The Supervisor asked Council Member Tautel what the intention was for that budget line.

Council Member Tautel said that the intention was to have \$5,000 in that line.

Supervisor Magryta said that, with that error, it will bring the budget shortfall to \$180,000.

Supervisor Magryta said that when reviewing the bond for Water District #2 piping, the revenue line and expense line do not match. The revenue is correct, but the expenses are \$600 less than the revenue.

Supervisor Magryta informed everyone that the \$70,000 budget transfer from B Fund to Highway B Fund has still not been explained and he would like to strike it from the budget.

Council Member Edsall would like to wait until September before it is removed.

Council Member Tautel brought up the Federal Aid received for the Dial-A-Bus.

Supervisor Magryta would like to look into that further before the money is counted on.

Supervisor Magryta received correspondence from the State Comptroller's Office stating that the Town has not submitted its 2009 Report. The Supervisor also received word from Mr. Warren that the Town has been chosen to receive a procedural audit.

**BUDGET RECOVER SESSION**

The following budget decreases were proposed and discussed:

Assessor	\$ 3,200
Town Clerk/Town Hall	\$ 3,800
Technology	\$ 800
Highway Dept.	\$20,000 (In addition to last week's decrease)

Supervisor Magryta spoke to Highway Supt Squicciarini about a possible point system for the garbage. With the current system, the residential customers are subsidizing the commercial customers (those without dumpsters).

Council Member Livsey said the current system isn't fair and he would like to move forward with this.

Supervisor Magryta spoke to Highway Supt Squicciarini about a better tracking system for the fuel.

Highway Supt Squicciarini agreed with Supervisor Magryta.

Supervisor Magryta would like to tentatively schedule the next workshop for Thursday, June 3 at 7:30pm.

**BUDGET TRANSFER REQUEST**

Supervisor Magryta has a request from OIC Bailey to transfer \$17,500 from B1990.0400 (Contingent Acct) to B3020.0440 (Communications Contracted Services) to cover expenses until the grant money is received.

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to transfer \$17,500 from B1990.0400 (Contingent Acct) to B3020.0440 (Communications Contracted Services).

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Tautel, Livsey)  
0-nays**

**TOWN CLERK**

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Council Member Tautel received a letter stating that there will be no additional insurance premiums incurred because of the Explorer Program.

Supervisor Magryta would like to discuss this more with Mr. Rider and bring it up at the next workshop.

### **TOWN LIBRARY DISCUSSION**

Council Member Livsey said that Deborah Kopald is still concerned with the wi-fi issue at the Library and would like to speak to the Board.

Ms. Kopald addressed the Board with her concerns and studies pertaining to wi-fi.

Council Member Livsey told Ms. Kopald that he appreciates her concerns and he would like to speak to her further.

Supervisor Magryta said that because the Library is partially funded by the Town, the Board is responsible to entertain the concerns of the residents.

### **BURNING REGULATIONS**

Supervisor Magryta asked the Board to propose different ideas for the burning regulations.

The majority of the Board agreed that the following should be included in the burning regulations: Acreage requirements, burning permits (w/appropriate fees), summons/fines for burning without permit, a hotline for nuisance burns and contacting the Fire Department before burning. The Board would also have to incorporate any rules mandated by NYS DEC so the Town would be in compliance.

Council Member Edsall believes that the air quality is poor and he would prefer to not allow any burning.

Council Member Livsey would like to look at properties that have previously obtained burning permits to see how much acreage they have.

Supervisor Magryta asked Council Member Gokey to put all the ideas in a word document for the next workshop.

**BEAUTIFICATION FUNDS – DISCUSSION ON DISBURSEMENT**

Supervisor Magryta said that he didn't realize that the \$3,500 in the budget for Beautification was earmarked. The Supervisor believes that the budget should be clearer about where the money is going.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Wayne Kocher is against burning because of the poor air quality.

Sam, Angela Paige, Vince Ferry and George Figuera all spoke against having wi-fi at the Library.

Ann Marie Feducia informed the Board that the Battlesight will remain open until at least March 2011.

Council Member Gokey reminded everyone that Grievance Day is tomorrow (May 25) from 1pm-3pm and 6pm to 8pm.

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Tautel to go into Executive Session to discuss: 1 – Proposed, pending or current litigation; and 2 – The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointments, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. Board went into executive session at 10:20pm.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Tautel, Livsey)**  
**0-nays**

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Gokey to close the executive session. Executive session closed at 11:00pm.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Tautel, Livsey)**  
**0-nays**

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Gokey to adjourn the workshop. Workshop adjourned at 11:01pm.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Tautel, Livsey)**  
**0-nays**

Attest,